

CREATION AND FORMATION

Again, they do wrong in trying to convert the Jews because they do it for what little gain there is in it; 1b. the first place their motive is impure. If there was no money in this unwelcome gospel all the missionaries in foreign lands would quit at once. They would throw up the sponge, and pack up their few duds and come back.

Ah, dear friends, those teachers are false; and they dread to have the real facts known. Some day God will rise up and cut them down and appoint them their portion with all false teachers and false prophets. Christ says they will come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. O, how true! Inwardly they are ravening wolves. This truth is manifested in various ways. The truth is that thousands preach what they claim to be the gospel for the money there is in it. In this come of them are very successful. They have heaped treasure upon treasure, and emolument until the whole has become a mountain of gain, and they look upon it as though it will never be destroyed. They that trust in riches will perish. Riches then has been their gain. "We unto you that are rich, for ye have received your consolation." Riches have been their gain, and no souls saved. What a terrible offering to bring before a just God. In fact, he will never accept it. Just think of it! Orthodox men trying to bribe God with their mighty dollars. In the last day they will tell the truth. They will come in weeping and crying and limping, and they will throw their sacks of gold and silver down before the throne of God and say, Oh, Lord! this is all we did not save any souls, but our wealth we bring to thee.

Will God accept money for souls? Ah, what a sad mistake. Their offering is like unto that of Cain; it will return unto them void, and then they will hate their brothers and try to kill them, and there will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Dear readers, do not trust these false teachers any longer. Behold the world is before you, so strike out, and live, and labor, and think for yourself. The word of God is true; take it for your guide. Do not trust in man; do not place too much confidence in those educated ministers—those robed priests—for their doctrine is of the world and it is perishable. Orthodox swindlers are as bad as the devil. They will lie to you, they will cheat you, they will blindfold you, they will rifle your pockets and rob you and they will take your last dollar. This is just what they will do, and they do it by spreading their robes over the face of the Bible. They make the holy word of God to no effect. They darken the eyes of the common people, and then make them believe that they themselves, as teachers of the holy word, are the

only ones that understand the law. God says to you, and to every one that will accept the Bible as his guide. "Unto you it is given to know."

The wealthy priest gives his hearers the understanding that he is the only one, truly ordained, to interpret the holy word. He robs the members of his church; he cheats and defrauds them, and makes them believe that he is next to the "Great I am," and that he will pray God that the souls of their departed ones may flee out of "purgatory." He says that it takes a few dollars to get them out. Yes, it only takes a few dollars to get them out, but who is the receiver? Ah, dear friends, this is cruel. These so-called good men that practice these frauds, steal bread from hungry children's mouths. This is the most cruel tyranny that ever oppressed or degraded any race or nation. Oh, may God speed the time when these fraudulent men will forever cease to be, and all dishonesties in the church shall have come to an end. These rich men that are doing business for the Lord, despise the poor. The poor man has no right whatever to look through the windows of the rich man's church. Maybe he don't want to look through them. He is a wise man that keeps away from that church, for it is filled with dead men's bones.

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